

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicant's attorney Mr. Dominic Kotab on March 10, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 23-27 were cancelled and claims 1, 5, and 15 were amended as follows in order to better define the instant invention over the prior art:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on an electronic device, comprising:
a frame; and
a resiliently elastic material coupled to the frame, the resiliently elastic material being adapted for suspending an electronic device with respect to the frame and holding the electronic device away from a base of the frame,
wherein a portion of the frame is positioned along at least three sides of the electronic device,
wherein at least a portion of the resiliently elastic material is wrapped around an entire length of an outer periphery of the portion of the frame such that the resiliently elastic material encircles the outer periphery of the portion of the frame,
wherein the resiliently elastic material forms a complete loop around the portion of the frame.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein the resiliently elastic material is in the form of a sheet, ~~wherein the resiliently elastic material forms a complete loop around the portion of the frame.~~

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic device in combination with a device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on the electronic device, comprising:
an electronic device;
a frame having a base and at least two sides; and

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an elastic material coupled to the frame, the elastic material being wrapped around at least a portion of the frame such that the elastic material forms an effectively continuous single loop around an outer periphery of the frame located there along and the electronic device,
wherein the elastic material suspends the electronic device away from the base of the frame.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jila M. Mohandesi whose telephone number is (571) 272-4558. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:00 (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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